Remarks

Applicant respectfully requests examination of the present application as amended herein. Applicant respectfully submits that the pending claims are fully supported by the specification and claims as originally filed in parent application U.S. Serial No. 09/731,375 and hence that the present amendment adds no new matter. In particular, the Examiner is referred to the Examples on pages 31-35, to page 21, lines 7-9, and to page 12, line 27-page 13, line 2 that describe the use of compositions comprising dead *E. coli* that contain allergens such as peanut allergens; the Examiner is also referred to page 20, line 20-page 21, line 2 and the contents of U.S. Serial No. 09/141,220 (incorporated by reference in the sentence that straddles pages 20-21) that describe the preparation and use of modified allergens such as peanut allergens; the Examiner is further referred to original claims 8-11 and 16-30.

Please charge any fees that may be associated with this matter, or credit any overpayments, to our Deposit Account No. 03-1721.

Respectfully Submitted,

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